



“ Kasteel (Castle) Hoensbroek” near the town of Heerlen, Limburg. Its history goes back to 1250, when a fort was built at this site and the present courtyard walls are built on those foundations. More on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 5 June	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Cost: \$7.00	
Thursday 9 June	<u>"DJVV Club"</u>	Shop open
Sunday 12 June	<u>"Mid-Year Concert"</u> <i>Wine, Women & Song</i> By: The Dutch Singers & The Heimat Choir Cost: \$10.00 per person Doors open 11.30 am	1.00 pm
Thursday 23 June	<u>"DJVV Club"</u>	Shop open
Sunday 26 June	<u>"Musical DVD Afternoon"</u> Cost: \$8.00 includes a light Lunch	11.30 am
Friday 24 June	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Sunday 3 July	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$7.00	11.00 am
Thursday 7 July	<u>"DJVV Club"</u>	Shop open
Sunday 10 July	<u>"Sunday Brunch"</u> Adults: \$12.00 Child: \$6.00	10.00 am
Saturday 16 July	<u>"Private Members Party"</u>	
Thursday 21 July	<u>"DJVV Club"</u>	Shop open
Friday 22 July	<u>"Tour de France Evening"</u> Details to be announced. But subject to direct telecast being available	
Friday 29 July	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Thursday 4 August	<u>"DJVV Club"</u>	Shop open
Sunday 7 August	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u> Cost: \$7.00	11.00 am

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:
Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Lianna Parker on: 6380 2736

Costs for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

News from your President

Dear Members,

First of all a very important notice. The JULY and AUGUST magazines will be combined and this combined magazine will probably reach you in the second week of July; this also means that you will NOT receive a magazine during the month of August.

This is done because it is a very quiet time of the year and your president/editor is going away for a 7 week holiday.

The Neerlandia Committee:

Life was not meant to be easy and sometimes one goes three steps forward and then it takes you two steps back. Well, this is also happening at Neerlandia.

At our last AGM we managed to get two Committee members on board mainly to foster better relationships with the many Dutch migrants that have settled in Perth during the last twenty years. They were Max van Lieshout and Vicente Roosendaal.

Unfortunately with both working full-time it did not work out and they both have now resigned.

On top of that Margaret Baltes, who was our Membership Officer, resigned as she wanted to get involved with other volunteer work closer to home. Although all three have made very worthwhile contributions while they were on board, for which I personally like to thank them, it does upset my long-term plans for Neerlandia.

I had hoped to be able to step down at the next AGM, but may have to seriously think about that again.

However, life goes on and we have appointed Henk Haanemaaijer on the Neerlandia Committee.

Lately Henk has been giving those committee members that are in the Club every Friday a welcome hand with setting up the hall for weekend functions and carry out essential maintenance. Being a carpenter by trade does help.

Meanwhile Ad Liebrechts has taken over the Membership Administration, which suits him as most of the work can be done from home and he is very computer literate.



Recent Functions:

It has been a very busy time with two Private Members Parties and events such as the DACWA Information Day, Koninginne Dag, the get-together after the Memorial Service as well as Mother's Day.

The attendance at Mother's Day was a bit disappointing as only 40 people attended. Our Kitchen Volunteers are also Mothers and each year they are asked by their children why they are not celebrating Mother's Day with them, as do other Committee members on that day. They all offer their day for the benefit of you, our members. Now if our members do not appreciate that and stay away, should we have Mother's Day at the Clubhouse at all?? Our Social Committee will have to give that some thoughts.

The Memorial Service at the Karakatta Dutch Annex:

Due to a lack of space this report will be in the ANSWA insert in our next magazine.

Upcoming Functions:

On Sunday the 12th of June the Dutch Singers will give their mid-year Concert again in our Clubhouse, but this year it will be different and better.

They will, in combination with the Rhine Donau Club's Heimat Choir present: "WINE, WOMEN & SONG", which will feature songs from Austrian & German Operettas. This concert is a MUST-ATTEND, tickets are \$10.00 each, numbers are limited and they are selling fast. More details on page 7.

Also on June the 12th the Eagles are playing at home against Essendon, this means that parking inspectors will be out in force.

If the clubhouse Car Park is full the best place to park is on the other side of Harbourne street in front of the music shop or around the rear of it, in the laneway, as the only shop that is open in that center will be the Liquor Shop.

Parking:

The **Yellow-Striped Areas** in our car-park are there for a very important reason: To allow the ambulance clear access to the clubhouse doors in case of emergencies. This means you must not park on those areas under any circumstances.

If you have people in your car that are disabled, just make sure you come early enough before the car park is full and you have all the room in the world to offload. Being late or tardy is no reason to infringe the rules.

Pieter Leeftang,
your President

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

**THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS
JOINED
THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA**

**Rea van Zelst
Cornelia Torenvlied
Nicholas van Zwol**

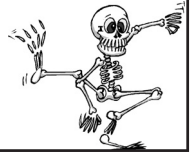
GET WELL SOON



To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.



Laughter is still the best medicine



The Eye:

A man was dining in a fancy restaurant and there was a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He had been checking her out since he sat down, but lacked the nerve to speak to her.

Suddenly she sneezed, and her artificial eye came flying out of its socket bouncing toward a man. He reflexively reached out, grabbed it out of the air and handed it back. 'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman said as she popped her eye back in place.

'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you,' she said. They enjoyed a wonderful dinner together and afterward went to the theatre and later had drinks. They talked, they laughed, she shared her deepest dreams and he shared his. She listened.

After paying for everything, she asked him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time. The next morning, she cooked a gourmet breakfast with all the trimmings. The guy was amazed. Everything had been SO incredible! 'You know,' he said, 'you are the perfect woman. Do you treat every guy you meet this way?'

'No,' she replied...

'You just happened to catch my eye...'

(Oh shut up, no comments, just laugh about it!)

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Computers:

As we Silver Surfers know, sometimes we have trouble with our computers.

I had a problem yesterday, so I called Eric, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control and asked him to come over.

Eric clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem. As he was walking away, I called after him: 'So, what was wrong?'

He replied: 'It was an **ID ten T** error.'

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired: 'An, **ID ten T** error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again.'

Eric grinned:.... 'Haven't you ever heard of an **ID ten T** error before?'

'No,' I replied.

'Write it down,' he said: 'I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down: **ID10T**

I used to like Eric, the little son of a bitch.

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WARNING Don't phone Vet at night !!

An elderly spinster who was a dog lover agreed to look after and house her neighbour's dog while they went on their holidays. The only problem was that the spinster's own dog was a bitch that was 'on heat' and the neighbour's dog was a male. Nevertheless she had a

large house and she was able to keep the two dogs apart. As she lay in her bed drifting off to sleep, the spinster was suddenly awakened by an awful howling and moaning sound from downstairs.

She rushed downstairs to find the dogs locked together - mating. The dogs were in obvious pain howling but unable to disengage. Try as she might she could not part them and she was perplexed as what to do next. Though it was late she reluctantly phoned the Vet and after a few rings a rather grumpy voice of the Vet answered the phone.

The spinster explained the problem.

The Vet said: "I want you to take the phone to the dogs and place it down alongside them. I will then phone your number back and the noise of the telephone ringing should make the male dog lose his erection and be able to withdraw from the bitch."

"Oh," said the spinster ... "Do you think that will work?"

"Well," the Vet replied, **"IT JUST WORKED FOR ME !!!!!"**

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EXERCISE FOR PEOPLE OVER 60

Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 3 Kg potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax. Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 5 Kg potato bags.

Then try 25 Kg potato bags and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 50 Kg potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. **(I'm at this level.)**

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag and start again.

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Lemon Squeeze:

There once was a religious young woman who went to Confession. Upon entering the confessional, she said, 'Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned.'

The priest said: 'Confess your sins and be forgiven.'

The young woman said: 'Last night my boyfriend made mad passionate love to me seven times.'

The priest thought long and hard and then said: 'Squeeze seven lemons into a glass and then drink the juice.'

The young woman asked: 'Will this cleanse me of my sins?'

The priest said: 'No, but it will wipe that smile off your face.'

Sunday Klaverjas Drives.



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AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—1.00 pm



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every 2nd Tuesday from:
10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next End of month Drinks will be held on Friday the
24th of June and again on Friday the 29th of July.**

**The Clubhouse will be open from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with
old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a
snack or just a cup of coffee!**

Available from our Kitchen:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot or
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

The Neerlandia “Winkel” will be open.

Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome - Everyone welcome.

A day with the DJVV (De Jeugd Van Vroeger)

The DJVV (De Jeugd Van Vroeger)

On Thursday the 28th of April the DJVV conducted one of their fortnightly meetings and this time around it was a very special day as they celebrated the 90th Birthday of Jannie Geers. But more about that later on.



Birthday girl Jannie Geers flanked by Nel Stapelbroek and Ann Hotz.

Every second Thursday the members start arriving soon after 9.00am, but by that time the volunteers are already very busy in the kitchen preparing a warm 3-course lunch.

Other members soon get busy by rolling out the carpet for the game of carpet bowls, setting up the "Sjoelbakken" and of course getting the popular pool table ready for action.

Not before long all those activities get going and besides those activities, there are members, who are playing



The pool table in our lounge is very popular with the male members of the DJVV.

various card games.

At 10.00 am everyone is called into the Main Hall for a cup of Coffee. But of course, as there was a birthday to celebrate, Jannie Geers had to cut the Birthday cake first, then everyone sang "Happy Birthday dear Jannie" and soon everyone received a nice piece of birthday cake with their cup of coffee. In the meantime the bar had opened and liquid refreshments were made available, which could either be an "Advocaatje" or a Lemon, Lime and Bitters or just a cool drink or a glass of water.

Then it was on with the games until it was lunchtime and a delicious three course meal was served.

After lunch the raffle was drawn and several games of Bingo were played before it was time for everyone to go home.



On Sunday the 15th of May one of the Founding Members and Life Member of the DJVV, Annie Vilé, celebrated her 100th Birthday with family & friends at the Mc Auley Care Centre in Wembley. (More on page 23)

Only a few years ago the DJVV had so many members that it could not take on any more, but that has changed lately and new members are more than welcome. Are you interested?

Just call Nel Stapelbroek on: 9275 6798
or Ann Hotz on: 9377 2195

Pieter Leeftang



Anyone that can still bend their knees can play the game of Carpet Bowls and fierce competition demands good concentration.

Mid-Year Concert Wine, Women & Song

A Selection of German & Viennese Songs

Presented by:
**The Dutch Singers, the Heimat Choir
and Soloists**



DATE: Sunday 12 June 2011
Venue: Neerlandia Clubhouse
Cost: \$10.00 per person.
Time: Doors open 11.30 am. Show starts at 1.00 pm
Refreshments: The Admission price includes Coffee/Tea.
*Come early as our Kitchen will be open for
Lunchtime Snacks.
Bar service available.*

Please do not miss this fun-filled, fantastic afternoon by The Dutch Singers and The Heimat Choir, when they present their repertoire of special songs, which include German & Viennese Operettas.

**Pre-paid tickets only are available
from the Dutch Singers:**

Vera Horsten: 9279 5785

Gerry Creemers: 9356 4207

Alida Reitzenstein: 9384 6161

**Please book your tickets early
as seats are limited.**



DVD Afternoon

Sunday 26 June

Popular Dutch DVD Show

On our Large Screen we will show André Rieu at his best.
(See Clubhouse Posters for more exact details)

When: Sunday the 26th of June

Time: The Clubhouse Doors will open at 10.30 am.

**On arrival you will receive a Cup of Coffee
and a Dutch Cake.**

The first part of the Show will run from 11.00—12.00 noon.

Then we will have a light lunch from 12.00– 1.00 pm.

**The light lunch will consist of a “Belegd Broodje” and
“Krentenbrood” and an additional cup of Coffee.**

And from 1.00-2.15 we show the remainder of the program.

Cost: \$8.00 per person.

(To cover the cost of providing lunch)

**For catering purposes
booking is essential**

**Please contact:
Pieter Leeftang on
9364 6703**



Koninginne Dag at Neerlandia

Koninginne Dag (Queens Birthday):

(Photos by Aat Kievit)

On Sunday the 1st of May, Neerlandia celebrated the birthday of the Dutch Queen Beatrix with an Open Day at their Clubhouse.

Queen Beatrix, who turned 73 year on the 31st of January, celebrates her birthday on the birthdate of her mother Queen Juliana, which is the 31st day of March. Entertainment was provided by the Dutch Community Radio, whose volunteer staff presented non-stop Dutch music.



The hall was a sea of Orange as a lot of people attending were dressed in Orange colours. The Coffee and Appeltaart and other Dutch snacks available from the kitchen were very much appreciated by all. Just before noon the Neerlandia President welcomed everyone and mentioned that Neerlandia had managed to obtain several bottles of "Oranje Bitters" and that this Liqueur was available from the bar. This very popular Dutch orange-coloured liqueur is consumed in the Netherlands on Koninginne Dag. The Honorary Dutch Consul Arnold Stroobach was asked to say a few words about Queen Beatrix and propose a toast on Her Majesty. Then the Dutch Singers were introduced and after they sang "Het Wilhelmus" and Happy Birthday, they continued with a bracket of songs to entertain those present. Another lovely day at Neerlandia.



The Dutch Singers with inset of conductor Matty Mentz.

Pieter Leeftang



Brunch

Sunday 10 July

**OUR NEXT BRUNCH WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY THE 10TH OF JULY AT 10.00 AM**

Come and join us at Neerlandia for our Dutch "Brunch". Enjoy an "Uitsmijter" and all sorts of other Dutch Breakfast Foods. Unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice. Celebrate a Birthday with your family, or invite your friends or ask the secretary of your Social Club to take you out.



Our Brunch is good value!

Costs:	Adults:	\$12.00
	Children:	\$ 6.00



For catering purposes, pre-payment is essential when you make your booking.

Please phone: Pieter Leeftang on 9364 6703

Een terugblik.

De koffers zijn uitgepakt en alles ligt weer op z'n plaats, wat overgebleven is zijn de fijne herinneringen aan Australië.



In de eerste plaats natuurlijk de gezelligheid en de verwenning bij onze dochter en schoonzoon Lianna en Barrie Parker en het met elkaar zijn.

Zij hadden ons al veel verteld over "Neerlandia" wat er allemaal gedaan wordt voor de leden en hoe dat in zijn werk gaat. We hadden daar een voorstelling van maar tot dat wij uitgenodigd werden om bij een zondagbrunch aanwezig te zijn hadden wij ons niet kunnen voorstellen wat Neerlandia te bieden heeft. Het was goed om te zien hoe de vrijwilligers bezig waren met het bakken van de spiegeleieren, de bitterballen en de kroketten; hoe gezellig de tafels waren gedekt met beschuit e.a. lekkers. Op een donderdag zijn we met Lianna meegeweest om weer een andere activiteit, DJVV, bij te wonen; de winkel die geopend was en weer alle activiteiten van de vrijwilligers in de keuken om een 3 gangen maaltijd voor de aanwezigen te bereiden.

De voor ons laatste activiteit waarbij wij bij "Neerlandia" aanwezig waren, was de Laatste vrijdag van de maand borrel. Wat een leuke sfeer en wat een herkenbare gezelligheid! Wij waren op ons gemak en voelden ons zelfs een beetje thuis; met weer nieuwe mensen maakten we kennis en misschien wordt die kennismaking in Nederland voortgezet. Telefoonnummers en adressen zijn in elk geval uitgewisseld. Wij begrijpen nu nog meer dat Lianna en Barrie zich zo inzetten voor de "club" en hopen dat u voldoende nieuwe leden zal werven om het voortbestaan van Neerlandia te garanderen.

Wij zullen dikwijls terug denken aan de leuke ontvangst, wij hadden het gevoel er bij te horen. Hopelijk zien wij elkaar weer terug in maart 2012.

Ahrend en Kitty van Straaten.

"Spotlight on....".

This column is meant to highlight the time and effort that a particular member of the Dutch community has dedicated to the improvement and maintenance of the Club building; a member who has expertise and/or enthusiasm that Neerlandia cannot do without.

This month's spotlight is on **Yaolan Liem**. Yaolan is always present at the End of Month drinks and she with her two sons Liam and Jake, are now familiar faces on those Friday nights. It was Yaolan's suggestion to have a Vrijmarkt as is the tradition in The Netherlands on Koninginnedag; she also took the organization upon herself. The fact that we had to cancel the Vrijmarkt does not mean that Neerlandia does not appreciate Yaolan's commitment and enthusiasm. Thanks Yaolan, there will be a next time and that next time will not coincide with a royal wedding.

If you are part of the Dutch Community, or you have a

family member who is willing and able to be added to our list of experts and/or enthusiasts, please do not hesitate to contact either Pieter Leeftang on 9364 6703 or myself on 6380 2736.

We warmly appreciate your assistance.

End of Month Drinks that were not....

As the April End of Month Drinks would be on 29 April, the day before Dutch Koninginnedag, we had planned a Kids' Vrijmarkt and Oranje Bitter as a special drink for the adults.

However, the wedding of a well-known British Royal to his (now) Princess on that same day, in combination with the day being in the middle of the Easter Holidays, made us cancel the events as hardly any one had planned to visit the Club that night.

To make sure that this did not upset patrons who had not received the cancellation, Henri, Pieter & I decided to be at the Club at 5pm anyway. Therefore we spent a couple of hours with a total of 8 people – very intimate but not really what we want to see on the last Friday of the month.

Now all is back to normal and the next End of Month

Drinks will have the **new time of 5.30 – 7.30PM.**

We are looking forward to seeing you again for a borrel, babbel and a bitterballetje.

This Was My Life:

If you attended the Open Day (Koninginnedag) held at the Clubhouse on 1 May, you may have noticed a gentlemen busily working with a variety of video cameras, lights and sound equipment. A copy of the completed video will be donated to Neerlandia and added to the collection of important Neerlandia History we have gathered over the years.

The gentlemen behind the camera was Rudie van Zelst, he is a Cinematographer, who specializes in the filming and making of DVDs of engagements, weddings and funerals - or any other important family occasion.

It was member Thomas Vanderveld, who organized it all. These days we are all aware of the importance of having one's family history well documented.

Therefore it is good to know that these guys can help you with the preservation of your memories on DVD for your descendants.

For more details you can contact them by phoning Thomas on: 90273590 or Rudy on: 0409 956 661 or by sending an email to: xylomene@bigpond.com

Associated Clubs:

If you are an active committee member of **another Dutch Organization or Club** and you would like to raise interest in that organization or club, you are more than welcome to contact the Secretary of Dutch Society Neerlandia. We can reserve space in the magazine to give you the opportunity to inform the Dutch Community about your club.

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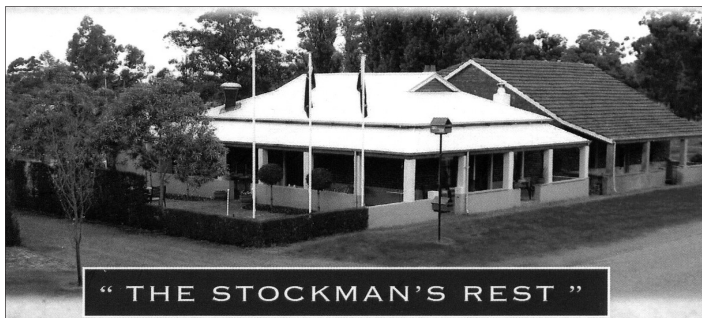
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Computers & May birthdays

NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Our computer lessons in the Neerlandia Clubhouse have been temporarily halted due to the incapacity of our teacher Ad Liebrechts.

However, he can still assist you with your problems although only in a limited capacity on certain days.

Please contact Ad on: 9279 7383 and if available he will give you assistance.

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The following Members will celebrate their birthday during the month of June 2011.

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday !!!**

Ans	van Alphen
William	Grove
Ria	Nissen
Riki	Schaafsma
Cor	Heijmans
Louis	Marcus
Ans	Warwick
Dolph	Peelen
Bert	van Wereld
Wilhelmina	Spijkers
Ingrid	Retuga
Yolanda	Strauss
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DUTCH AGED CARE NEWSLETTER

The Official Publication of Dutch Aged Care Western Australia Inc.
To all members and supporters of DACWA

EDITORIAL

Looking back we can only conclude that it has been an interesting 3 months again.

A COTA workshop held in March and the DACWA Information Day in April. As you will appreciate, the organisation of that day took a lot of preparation and hard work. The Board Members would like to give a special mention to Vice Chair Henry Koldenhoven who dedicated a lot of his personal time to guarantee the success of this seminar. Considering the feedback, it was not before time that DACWA organized such a day; at the end of the day, many of the 150 attendees left wiser and well informed about legal, financial and other matters.

In May the volunteers enjoyed a lunch feast at Miss Maud's to celebrate the annual Volunteers' Week. Details of all the events can be found in this one or the next Newsletter that we hope you will enjoy.

This Newsletter is put together again with the efforts of DACWA Staff and Board Members. We endeavor to brief you on developments within Aged Care on State and Federal level and on day-to-day business within the DACWA organisation.

If you have any questions regarding the published articles or regarding DACWA in general, we would like to encourage you to contact us on the telephone numbers provided.
Happy Reading!

Lianna Parker

Albert Jan de Rooij

In January 2010, DACWA received an email from Albert Jan de Rooij in The Netherlands; he was planning a sabbatical year in Australia. Albert Jan offered a part of his time to DACWA as a volunteer. Shortly after his arrival early 2011, he contacted DACWA and he has been of great value to the Office Staff with his knowledge of computers. Due to his relatively short time in Perth, he was not able to play an active part in the Visitors Scheme but nevertheless, we miss him now that he has left Perth again. Before he left on 23 May, I had a coffee with him.

When did you arrive in Perth?

We, my wife, our two kids, who are 6 and 10 years old and me arrived on 17 January 2011. After a 2 week stay in Victoria Park, we moved to Mosman Park where we lived until our departure at the end of May.

What motivated you to come to DACWA as a Volunteer

We were going to be in Australia for the whole of 2011 and when we were preparing for this trip I was looking for some volunteering work that I could do along the way. I quickly found the DACWA website. I read about the Organisation and what it stands for. As I became interested, I contacted you.

Although I haven't been in the position to visit anyone, I have been able to help a little bit with the DACWA website and with the re-organisation of the computers in the Office.

As far as I was concerned I could have done more as I like the feel of the office and the enthusiasm I experienced at DACWA.

As you say, you have not been with DACWA all that long but you went to the COTA Work Shop. What were your impressions?

Good impressions; I met people who know what they are talking about and who are highly motivated to offer the best help they can. For someone like me, who isn't familiar with how everything is organized here in (Western) Australia, it was kind of hard to see through all the different organisations that are involved in aged care. But it was interesting nevertheless; good coffee and appeltaart too!

As told by Albert Jan to Lianna Parker

Upcoming Events:

Movement Classes – every other Thursday.

For details contact the CACP Care Team on:
9388 1678 or
9382 1983

Monthly DACWA Board Meeting - 21 June, 19 July, 16 August.

For details on DACWA Board or DACWA in general, contact Karin Eastwood on:
9382 4186 or
9382 1983 or
email: dacwa@dacwa.org

Friends of DACWA End of Month Drinks – Every last Friday of the month

From 5.30—7.30pm in the Lounge of Dutch Club “Neerlandia”
230 Cambridge Street, Wembley

Zumba – 25 August

Workshop for DACWA Support Workers

Manual Handling -17 November and 1 December

Workshops for DACWA Support Workers

Market day in cooperation with Neerlandia (Fundraiser) - 16th October

Open for Public; Details to follow in September issue

Volunteer Bianca Slingerland

On the 14th of January 2011 I arrived in Perth with my Australian husband Adam. Adam and I met in Italy while we were both working there. After years of travelling and exploring the world, it was time for Adam to go back to Perth and now we are both enjoying our life here. Living in Italy taught me a lot. Apart from some basic Italian, I didn't speak a word of the language when I arrived there to work. This taught me how hard it can be to stay positive and happy when you live in isolation. Sometimes I felt so lonely. I think nobody deserves to feel lonely and isolated for a long period of time. Life is too beautiful to feel like that. Basically I think it's like this; *When you are still alive you should feel alive!* And I know that's easier said than done. I know it can be hard to motivate yourself every day to get out there and to live. To do the things you really want to do. And then I don't even talk about the fact that there are people who are simply physically not able to do everything they would like to do themselves. We all need people around us to give us a hand. At the end of the day the human race is a social creature. And that is why I contacted DACWA to offer my time as a volunteer. I maybe young to be a volunteer for DACWA at 31 years of age, but I think I can relate to some of the clients, because of my emotional experience in Italy. As a volunteer I want to help people to feel appreciated and to feel alive. Adam, my husband, helped me cope with my loneliness in Italy and now I want to do the same for the elderly who need some company. Apart from my own experience with loneliness I also like to interact with the elderly. I had a great relationship with my grandparents. After my grandfather past away I spent a lot of time with just my grandmother; I used to love listening to her stories. After a while she kept repeating the same stories, predominantly about WWII, over and over again but I didn't mind. When I was with her, time stood still. It was just about her and me sharing 'time' together; the busy outside world didn't seem to exist. I loved it. And besides that, she taught me a lot too. She was a very inspirational and brave woman. I am looking forward to meet the elderly through DACWA - to hear all about their life experiences.

Bianca Slingerland

DACWA welcomes submissions to this Newsletter. To be considered for publication, the article must be written in the English language and the contents of the article must promote DACWA's philosophy. Submissions may be edited for clarity.

Lianna Parker

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When did you start working for DACWA?

I started on 20th of July 2006 as a Support Worker on a casual basis with DACWA. In May 2008 I successfully applied for the position as Assistant Coordinator; a couple of months later I became the full-time Coordinator.

What is your position within the organisation?

After the office was restructured in May 2010, I was offered the position of Care Team Manager, a position that I gladly accepted.

What are your responsibilities?

As Care Team Manager I am responsible for the Care Team, which means I am working very closely with my two Coordinators Annegret and José. I am involved with the in-take of new clients, rostering staff, organizing staff training, taking in new staff and keeping an eye on our budget. I also visit various cultural clubs and community radio stations to promote DACWA; I also attend multi cultural meetings.

Every month I report developments within my department to the DACWA Board Meetings.

Can you give us key words to describe your work involvement with the organisation?

After nearly 5 years working with DACWA I can still say: "I enjoy my work". I have learned so much over the past few years and like to say "Thank you" to the Board for giving me the opportunity to go to workshops and to develop my leadership skills.

Describe to us a good day in the office, please?

The days are mostly busy and sometimes sad (losing a client) but the good days predominate. It is very rewarding work and at the end of a day the only questions that counts are: "How many people did we help today and how many clients were pleased with our service". Another good day is when we get positive feedback from our Support Workers. We would not be where we are now without our Support Staff. By doing appraisals or meetings we are always encouraging them to let us know how they think we can improve our service.

Do you have bad office days as well?

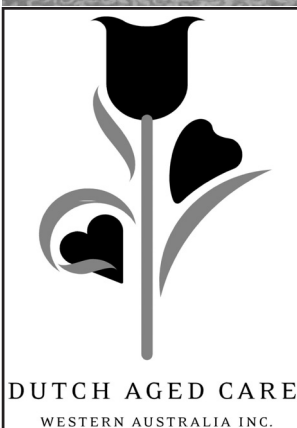
Like I said before the only bad day would be, if we lose a client.

The rest I see as a challenge and if I can't fix it, I will deal with it the next day again.

If you wanted us to know anything specific or extraordinary about your work, what would that be?

We have grown over the past few years but we still have not lost this personal touch with our clients and with our staff. A good example is the new program that we started in 2009, which is called "Special Outings". Each client is entitled to go out for 3 hours every 3 month and to spend some time on "fun-things". This time is in addition to the normal hours of care and the client is not charged for this outing. So far, we have taken clients to the opera, to concerts and movies or to the casino. How many other providers have a service like that? Our clients are always looking forward to that special time. I am very proud to be part of DACWA as an organisation and to be part of a great team.

Regine Rohmann
Care Team Manager



New members autumn 2011

Mr W Penders
Mrs Ute Benford
Mrs Sarah van de Werdt
Mrs Maria Boekelman
Mr Anthony de Grijs
Mrs R Eijkhoudt
Mrs Nelly Liebrechts
Mr Thijs Gorter
Mrs Thea Gorter
Mr Peter Raayen
Mrs Janke Raayen
Mrs Dominique van Pelt

DACWA Information Day on 16th April 2011

DACWA held an information seminar on the 16th April, and it was great to see such an excellent turn out. This illustrates the need for information on a range of topics related to the elderly. Having said that, some information is relevant to any person over the age of 18, such as Wills, Enduring Powers of Guardianship, Enduring Power of Attorney and Advance Health Directives.

In all, there were four presenters, who each spoke for 45 minutes, with a 15 minute break between speakers when handouts were given out to attendees.

Legal issues were covered by the first speaker of the day, Shelley Whitaker, of Seniors Legal. Shelley illustrated what can be a rather dry topic with examples, which showed how important it is to have a valid and precisely written will, and the need to safeguard oneself against the possibility of physical or mental severe impairment.

Without a will, your hard earned possessions may not go to the people you would want to have them, and/or a large portion may go to the government in the form of tax. An interesting fact that I was not aware of, is the availability of depositing your will in the Will Bank. By placing your last testament there, you avoid the possibility of it not being found after your death.

The unpredictability of life can put anybody in the position where they might not be able to make decisions for themselves about their finances, and mental or physical crises. Parents find themselves having to make heartbreaking decisions about a child who is mentally or physically impaired due to for instance a car accident. However, once you are over 18, unless you have made provisions, other people will make decisions for you regarding treatment. For example, In the case of brain damage (or dementia) you could end up in a hostel where you would not have wanted to live out the rest of your life.

Shelley provided a hand-out of contacts, and I encourage you to check these out for further information:

Office of the Public Advocate (Enduring Power of Guardianship)

Level 1, 30 Terrace Road, EAST PERTH WA 6004
PO Box 6293 EAST PERTH WA 6892
Phone: 1300 858 455 or (08) 9278 7300
Fax: (08) 9278 7333
Web: www.publicadvocate.wa.gov.au

State Administrative Tribunal (Administration and Guardianship Matters)

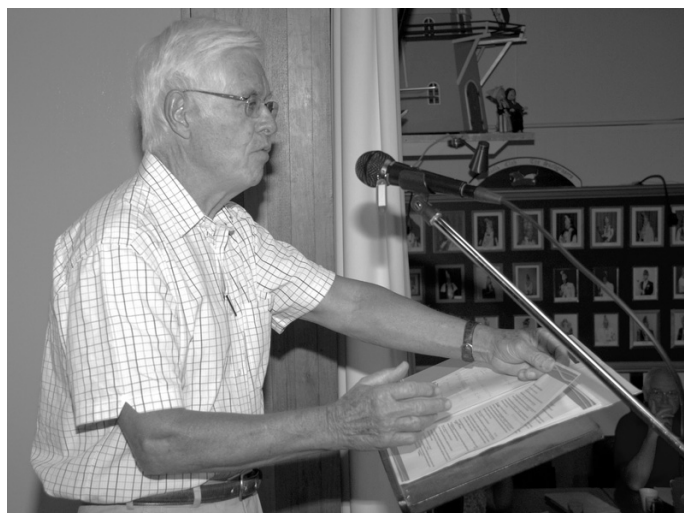
Fourth Floor
12 St Georges Terrace, PERTH WA 6000
GPO Box U199, PERTH WA 6845
Phone: (08)9219 3111 or
1300 306 017 (cost of a local call)
Web: www.sat.justice.wa.gov.au

Department of the Attorney General (Enduring Powers of Attorney)

Level 12, Westralia Square,
141 St Georges Terrace, PERTH 6000
GPO Box F317, PERTH 6841
Phone: (08) 9264 1600
Web: www.dotag.wa.gov.au

Public Trustee (WA Will Bank)
565 Hay Street, PERTH WA 6000
GPO Box M946, PERTH WA 6843
Phone: 1300 746 212
Fax: (08) 9221 0059
Web: www.publictrustee.wa.gov.au

State Law Publisher (Kits)
10 William Street, PERTH WA 6000
Supreme Court of Western Australia (Probate Applications)
Level 14, 111 St Georges Terrace
PERTH WA 6000
Phone 9421 5152
Fax 9421 5146
Website: www.supremecourt.wa.gov.au



The second speaker was Dr Ralph Ten Seldam who spoke about Advance Health Directives. The Advance

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Health Directive is a document that contains decisions about any future medical, surgical, dental or other health care treatment you may need. It allows you to indicate consent, or refuse consent, to future treatments. For instance, if you should end up in a vegetative state, you may be kept alive for years, where it might be your choice to have life support machines turned off.

To make an Advanced Health Directive, you need to be over 18, and have full legal capacity. Because thinking about the possibility of traumatic life events is unpleasant, most people do not like to dwell on it, and may dismiss it by thinking it will never happen to them. However, life is fragile and unpredictable, and it could very well happen to you. It is therefore important to be

aware of the existence of Advance Health Directives, and if you choose, you can do something about it.

The Department of Health has prepared an excellent booklet, called *Preparing an Advanced Health Directive*. Unfortunately we ran out of copies at the seminar, but they can be obtained by contacting the Health Department on 9222 2300.

After Ralph's presentation we had a lunch break, where attendees had a choice of *broodje met kroket, ham, kaas or worst* at a reasonable price, with free tea or coffee provided. Many attendees made use of the bar and I was not the only one to enjoy an *advocaatje met slagroom*! As usual, the volunteer kitchen and bar staff did a sterling job, feeding over 150 people efficiently and quickly, and of course cleaning up afterwards. The lunch break also gave people the opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new people and get further information from the presenters, DACWA staff and Board members.

After lunch, the third speaker was David McGregor from Nick Bruining & Associates Pty Ltd. David gave an interesting presentation on issues concerning the family home, when a person goes into an aged care facility. He covered social security implications and explained aspects such as income tests, assets tests and subsequent home ownership status. David also discussed further issues to consider, such as other assets, the cost of a chosen aged care facility, incomes from Centrelink, overseas pensions, superannuation and investments. An overview of Aged Care fees and Centrelink rates and thresholds was provided. What became obvious to me was the necessity to get proper financial advice before making decisions regarding moving out of the family home into an aged care facility. Getting the proper advice could make a huge difference in terms of financial costs and benefits. In this case, ignorance is not bliss!!

The last speaker of the day was Allan Reed, Manager of Resident Services at Amaroo Care Services Inc. Allan gave a comprehensive presentation on all aspects to do with an entry into residential aged care. He explained the process of obtaining an Aged Care Client Record (ACCR), which is the only way a person can apply to go into aged care. This ACCR is filled in by members of the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT), who come to your house to complete this form with you. One also needs to get an Asset Assessment, and then you need to complete an elaborate application to enter into a residential facility. I find the whole concept of 'Income Tested Fees for Residential Aged Care', 'Basic Daily Fees For Residential Aged Care', 'Accommodation Charge' and 'Accommodation Bonds' complex and confusing. One thing that is for sure is that the process of moving from your home into residential aged care is emotionally draining, bewildering, scary and a minefield of government rules and regulations, and I again came to the conclusion that professional advice is recommended. Social workers at Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACATs) are a good source of information, and will give you all the forms etc. when they do the ACCR with you.

Allan provided the Aged Care Information Line: 1800 500 853 or www.agedcareaustralia.gov.au.

I encourage you to check out this site to make yourself familiar with the process, and to make this difficult journey a bit easier for yourself and your loved ones.

There was also opportunity for people to ask questions to the presenters, who gave their time and expertise free of charge. At the end of the day they were presented with a bottle of wine, as were Neerlandia members Pieter Leeftang and Tony Horsten, who worked late into the previous night to get the clubhouse ready for the day, and were there again first thing in the morning. A bottle of wine was also given to Aat Kievit who was the MC for the day and Harry Crijns who was responsible for the sound system.

This information day was instigated by DACWA Vice-Chairperson Henry Koldenhoven. He sourced the presenters, and did an excellent job of organising and delegating tasks, ensuring the day was a success.

DACWA is committed to maintaining and improving the quality of life for the elderly people of Germanic background, living in Perth. It is hoped that this day achieved this aim and we will continue to strive to do so.

Anneke Rombouts
DACWA Board Member



The former coal mining centre of Heerlen

HOENSBROEK:



Flag and Coat of Arms

Hoensbroek is a Dutch town in the municipality of Heerlen. It is situated in the southeast of Limburg, a province in the southeast of the Netherlands. Population of Hoensbroek is estimated to be around 25,000. Until 1982, Hoensbroek was a separate municipality.

Hoensbroek is known for its medieval castle, Castle Hoensbroek, named after Knight Hoen, a member of the Hoen Family. It dates from around 1250.

Hoensbroek is also known for the annual fair on Ascension Day

(Hemelvaartsdag), when as many as 100.000 people will celebrate this day.

In medieval times, the town was known under the name of Gebrook, meaning as much as "Swampy Landscape", and belonged to the Family Hoen. Their family name eventually mingled with the original one, resulting in the name *Hoensbroeck* for the location and Van Hoensbroeck as the family name. The dialect that the people of Hoensbroek speak, Gerbrooker Plat, refers to the ancient name of Gebrook

HOENSBROEK CASTLE:

Castle Hoensbroek or Gebrookhies (Dutch: Kasteel Hoensbroek) is one of the largest castles in the Netherlands. This imposing water castle is known as 'the most lordly stronghold between Rhine and Meuse'. The oldest part of the castle, notably the tall round tower, dates from around 1360, when it was built by Herman Hoen, though a predecessor to the castle had already existed in the swamp (or *Gebrook*) the castle was located in. This so-called "motte-and-bailey" dated from around 1225. In 1250 a fortified manor was built on the location of the present castle. Because of its important strategical location in the Duchy of Brabant, located along important trading routes to Maastricht, Aachen and Cologne, the castle was expanded in several phases, becoming the largest stronghold between the Meuse and the Rhine rivers. It contains at least 67 halls, rooms and living quarters.



Knights weekend at the castle



Gate of the Castle

The castle was the ancestral home of the knights Hoen van den Broeck, the Imperial baron Hoen van Hoensbroeck, and the Imperial counts and viscounts Van en tot Hoensbroeck for nearly six centuries. The family Van Hoensbroeck left the castle at the end of the 18th century, after which the castle entered a period of decay. Count Frans Lothar sold the castle in 1927 to the present day owners, the foundation 'Ave Rex Christe'. It was thoroughly restored between 1930 and 1940. During and shortly after the second world war, the castle and accompanying buildings were used for diverse ends. From 1951 to 1973 the writer-poet Bertus Aafjes lived in parts of the castle. In the period 1986-1989 another restoration took place. Since then it has formed a popular and educative museum destination, funded by the municipality.

THE COMPLEX:

Over the centuries the castle has received extensive rebuilding and expansion three times. The different architectural styles from the different centuries (14th, 17th and 18th) are easy to separate from each other. The complex is surrounded by a moat and has four wings situated around a rectangular courtyard. The main building is reachable over a bridge. The main building has two identical square towers with union-tops, flanking the entrance, and two taller half-separate corner towers of irregular shape at the backside. The forecastles are both U-formed and enclose two large inner courts.

From 1720 to 1722, Frans Arnold, Imperial count van Hoensbroek, had substantial reworking done, including the building of a new north-western wing. The interior, with its illusionistic ceiling paintings from the 18th century, shows French influence. The son of Frans Arnold, Lotharius Frans, was the last lord of Hoensbroeck (1759–1794) who resided in the castle, until 1787, just before the French revolution.



Huis Terlinden

The former coal mining centre of Heerlen

COAL MINING:

The town Hoensbroek remained modest until the early 20th century, when several mines were opened (including the Emma). This caused a substantial increase in population. This in turn necessitated the construction of new residential areas, with the result that Heerlen & Hoensbroek grew closer to each other.

Unfortunately the coal mining had to come to an end when on December 17, 1965, the Dutch government announced the complete termination of coal mining.

Seventy-five years of mining at thirteen different mines, had turned the south of the province of Limburg into one of the most densely populated areas of the Netherlands. The mines had resulted in the creation of supply industries and an infrastructure of roads, railways and waterways, mainly aimed at the transportation of coal within the Netherlands and abroad.



Former Staatsmijn Emma

HEERLEN ARCHITECTURE:



Glaspaleis (Glass Palace) in Heerlen

The city's best known architect is without doubt Frits Peutz. His legacy consist of at least 10 landmark buildings in Heerlen. In 1935 Heerlen's most famous landmark building, the Glaspaleis (Glass Palace), was built next to the medieval church in the centre of the then modest town. It was commissioned by the merchant Peter Schunck and it was quite an extraordinary step for this conservative businessman to ask the young Heerlen-based architect Peutz to design the new Schunck department store. It is one of the most outstanding examples of early Modernism in The Netherlands but it was only recognized as such at a fairly late stage (after it had been badly maimed). In the 1990s it was added to a prestigious list of the world's 1000 most influential modern buildings (only 13 buildings in the Netherlands are on that list). It encouraged the city administrators to buy the

dilapidated building and make plans for its renovation. The renovation has now been completed and it now houses several of the city's cultural institutions, including a museum of modern art. The renovated Glaspaleis has become a symbol of the revived Heerlen after the closing of the coalmines.

Although many interesting buildings were demolished around 1900, some older buildings still exist in the center of Heerlen, for instance a Romanesque style 12th century church (Pancratiuskerk) and a former prison tower from around the same period (Schelmentoren). Other buildings worth mentioning are a Neoclassical chapel (Grafkapel de Loë) built in 1848, the only remaining Neoclassical building in Heerlen and a former mansion annex pharmacy, left in almost the same state as after its 1801–1828 expansion (Huis de Luijff).



Pancratiuskerk

In other parts of Heerlen, especially near the numerous small rivers around Heerlen, many more older buildings can be found, noticeably a couple of watermills like the Weltermolen (14th century), Eikendermolen (15th century), Oliemolen (16th century) and Schandelermol (17th century). Some castles, for instance Hoensbroek Castle (oldest part 1380), Kasteel Terworm (15th century) and old farms Geleenhof (dating back to Roman days), Benzeraderhof (13th century), Hoeve Den Driesch (14th century), Overste Douvenrade (largely destroyed and rebuilt in 1779) and Hoeve de Bek (1631).



Film Theatre "Royal"



The Shopping centre



Thermen Museum

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet

Mother's Day at Neerlandia

Mother's Day:

On Sunday 8 May it was Mother's Day and as customary we celebrated this event with a Mother's Day Brunch. The "Koninginne" Day and "Bevrijdings" Day decorations were still up and that made the hall look very festive.

We were a bit disappointed that only about 40 people showed up, but that did not take anything away from the atmosphere, which was terrific.

On arrival everyone was made welcome with Coffee and



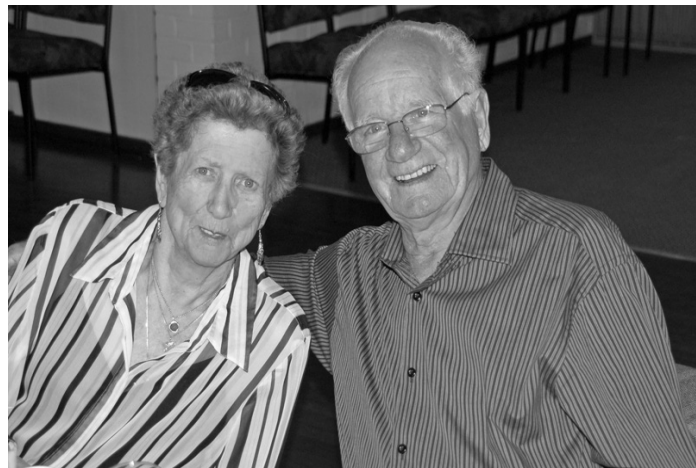
Wilma Kersten and family members Chris, Pieta, George and Chris.

Dutch "Appeltaart" while on the side table there were unlimited Dutch Breakfast delicacies for the taking. The "Uitsmijter" was once again prepared just the way the Dutch people like it to be and it was really enjoyed by all.

The Neerlandia volunteers workers, mothers with families themselves, willingly put the interest of our members above their own families. That is a fantastic sacrifice, which I hope will be appreciated by everyone. A very big thank-you to the special ladies in the Kitchen, who looked after everyone so well, is well deserved. Then it was lovely Chocolates for all the mothers and everyone went home satisfied. **Pieter Leeftang**



Piet Bouwman (top left), Dominique, Theo & Cor van Pelt, (98 Years) Eileen Bouwman & Johanna de Boer



Annie Gerritsen & Leen Pleysier.



Matty Mentz (top left), Wilma Kersten, Linda & Carolyn Doeglas, Gerry Creemers & Meta Bruining

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 28th of April

Mary van den Dries

Our sincere condolences to her family
from the Handwerk Club and
the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA

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Passed away on the 20th of May 2011

Giel Baggen

Our sincere condolences to Lies & family
from the Handwerk Club, the DJVV and
the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA



May they Rest in Peace.

News from the various clubs & submitted articles

Neerlandia Card Club News:

The first competition for this year was concluded on Thursday the 28th April 2011.

The winners were announced on Thursday 5th May and the prizes were handed out.

The list of prize winners is as follows:

Klaverjas section:

1 st prize with a score of	74716	Freda Hovingh
2 nd prize with a score of	74207	Aat Kievit
3 rd prize with a score of	73575	Pieter Leeftang
Average score prize	70013	Wilma Mitchell
Marsen prize with 28 marsen		Corrie van Rijt

Bolivia section:

Fortnightly players: Lies Baggen winner of draw.

Weekly players: Gerry Creemers highest score.

The committee had decided to make an additional special prize available. This special prize was awarded to all the ladies of the card club because the upcoming Sunday, the 8th of May was Mothers' Day. Alex Udinga had procured a lovely box of chocolates for all the ladies which appeared to be greatly appreciated.

A special mention needs to be made in relation to the marsen prize. Although Mrs van Rijt received the prize, the honour of the most marsen had to be shared with Jenny Kievit, who also achieved the same number 28.

Seeing that Corrie van Rijt had a point score of 71806 compared to the score of Jenny Kievit being 68563, the prize was allocated to Corrie van Rijt but Jenny Kievit deserved an honourable mention.

The average score for the 16 week period was 70052.

Wilma Mitchell finished closest to this score.

Your committee congratulates all the winners of the competition and we are now into the second competition of the year and wishing all contestants success.

Murray Koedyk

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Sunday Drive:

This month we held our Sunday Drive on the third Sunday of May, this was because the first two Sundays the Clubhouse was needed for other functions.

As it was, there were not very many card players that could make it due to holidays and the celebrations of the Annie Vilé's 100th Birthday.

But it was cosy and the winners on the day were:

1st prize:	Tinie Swart	6874 points
2nd prize:	Jo Smit	6666 points
3rd prize:	Henk Raafs	6216 points

The next Sunday Drive will be back to normal and will be held on Sunday the 5th of June.

Pieter Leeftang.

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The Dutch Clog Dancers:

The Dutch Clog Dancers as an entertainment group called it a day in January 2010, mainly due to the ill health of many of the members.

However, the two of us, Hanny & Toon Kamps are still able to perform as Dutch Clog Dancers at Hostels and Nursing Homes.



Hanny with Gerard de Blank at Tandara Nursing Care

On Monday 2nd of May the Dutch residents at the Tandara Nursing Care in Bentley celebrated the birthday of the Dutch Queen Beatrix, although in reality she was born at Soestdijk

Palace in Baarn on the 31st of January 1938.

The occasion was celebrated with a special Dutch afternoon tea with Poffertjes and our Clogdancing performance.

Hanny Kamps

(Hanny & Toon made a \$150.00 donation towards our kitchen appeal, which is very much appreciated. Many thanks for that contribution. Pieter Leeftang)

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Nel Brandenburg with Lockie Lopez preparing Poffertjes.

Happy Birthday:

Een oud en trouw lid van Neerlandia, Cornelia Teeuw,



Corry Teeuw snijdt haar Verjaardags Taart terwijl Annie Wagener toekijkt.

is 101 jaar geworden en vierde haar verjaardag op Maandag 25 April. En wat een feest het was met een heerlijke taart en allemaal lekkere dingen. Ze wilde zelf de taart snijden en ook Annie Wagener kwam naar het feest.

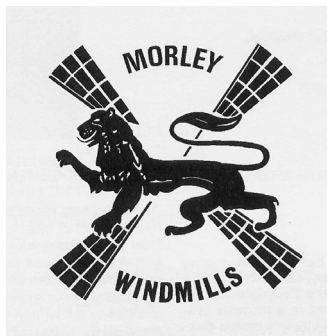
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Yanchep, en heeft het daar erg naar haar zin.

Ik zelf heb de foto's genomen, want als volunteer was ik daar op visite.

Connie van Emden.

(Dit artikel was ingestuurd door Connie van Emden, een DACWA Volunteer.)



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NEWS FROM THE MORLEY-WINDMILLS SPORTS & SOCCER CLUBS INC.

Hi all.

Here is some news from the Morley-Windmills Soccer club. It has been a long time, but here we go.

At the A.G.M last October, we formed a new committee with some new faces on board which was good to see. The new committee decided that it was time to start afresh and appointed a complete new coaching staff from the first team down to the reserves. We could not find anyone to run the amateurs side of the club, so that side was discontinued.

But we gained another club, the Chindits and they are very good for us.

We also applied for the Football West Night Series to be played at Wotton reserve and that was a great success. A lot of hard work but well worth it in the end. We, the Morley-Windmills team, finished up in the semi-finals, which we lost to Swan United on penalties.

From the Night Series we gained experience and strength for the winter competition.

Our first game was away against Rockingham and we came home with a draw.

The next game was away to Fremantle Spirits which we won 6-0.

The following game was the one we all be looking forward to. Shamrock Rovers, who had gained promotion from the Sunday Amateurs and were looking very good in the Night Series.

Following is the write up of that game by Carmelo Todaro:

O'Neill strikes a highlight as Morley Snuff out Shamrocks.

Morley-Windmills striker Luke O'Neill scored a brilliant goal during his side's 2-1 victory against Shamrock Rovers at Rossiter Park on Saturday. Luke O'Neill's long range strike was the highlight of an entertaining division one fixture.

Shamrock's Ian Stack scored the opener, when he converted a penalty in just the second minute of the game.

Windmills replied four minutes later through a well placed Mark Walsh header. O'Neill then provided one of the goals of the season, when he struck the ball into the left-hand corner of the net from 25

metres, Rovers keeper Eamon Barnes had next to no chance of saving the shot. The win puts Windmills equal top on the ladder with Swan United. The following week we were away to Ashfield, also a game of big expectations.

The game was covered by Carmelo Todaro:

Morley-Windmills missed a great opportunity to take top spot on the ladder after a lacklustre performance saw them draw 1-1 with Ashfield under lights at the Ashfield Reserve last Saturday night.

The game was dominated by both defences, with the early exchanges even and with each team relying heavily on counter attacking football.

Ashfield had the first opportunities to score but strong saves by the Windmills keeper Steve Grant and solid defensive work kept the score 0-0.

Windmills worked themselves back into the game and in the 18th minute, former Perth midfielder Simon Wilson scored a stunning goal, beating Ashfield keeper Brad Eiffe's despairing hand, with a thunderous left foot shot that rocketed into the right hand corner of the goal. The remainder of the 1st half saw Windmills with the better scoring opportunities, but could not convert.

The second half saw Ashfield able to attack on the counter and create a lot of chances, but the Windmills defence of Ebe Cowbrough, Steve Davies and Mark Walsh kept Ashfield at bay.

But in the 69th minute Stamatiadis whipped in a free kick and from the resulting confusion Ashfield's Maybin was able to scramble the ball home for the equaliser.

Windmills keeper Steve Grant could have considered himself unlucky not to receive a free kick for what looked like a push. Windmills coach Salv Todaro made some chances, which evened the contest a little but to no avail.

Joey Woodin could have stolen the three points for Windmills with only the keeper to beat, but his weak shot at goal was easily taken by Eiffe, the Ashfield Keeper.

At the final whistle Windmills remained undefeated and sitting in third place two points behind top side Wanneroo.

Karl Hofstee
President Windmills

Celebrating a 100th Birthday

Annie Vilé is 100 years old:

On Sunday the 15th of May Annie Vilé celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends in the courtyard of the Mc. Auley Care Centre in Wembley.



Annie with her oldest son Jim and granddaughter Melissa

It was a beautiful afternoon, there were colourful balloons, beautiful flowers and happy people all around her. A few of the Dutch Singers with Tony de Grijs on the accordion looked after the entertainment and Annie revelled in a sing-a-long of those Dutch songs which reminded her of her youth. A fantastic day to celebrate this 100th birthday.

Pieter Leeftang



Annie Vilé is being serenaded by her 4 sons and daughter Riki, accompanied by Tony de Grijs on the accordion.



Amongst the invited guest were the Kievits, the Arts and the Leeftangs.

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Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

From Republic to a Kingdom. (Part 1 of 5.)

For many years now I have shared with you my love and pride for my country of birth and the prominent role it played on the world stage. And even to these days, the international respect and admiration for this small nation is on record. Our 'Vredespaleis' or International Court of Justice, located in The Hague and completed in 1913, is one proof of this. But like in our own lives, nations also have their ups and downs, and so now I will take you along with me on a journey to find out what happened to the prestigious Republic of the Seven United Provinces on its way to grow into the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Firstly I will try to give you a clear understanding of the political situation of the Low Countries which originally started as the Seventeen Provinces, roughly covering the present Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg in the 15th and 16th century, then under control of the powerful Dukes of Burgundy, connected to the Royal House of Valois. After Charles the Bold (1433-1477), the last Duke of Burgundy died, Charles V (1500-1558) King of Spain moved quickly and took over all the interests of the Dukedom of Burgundy.

Charles V, known to the Dutch as "Karel de Vijfde", was the son of Philip the Handsome, Duke of Burgundy and Joanna the Mad, Queen of Castile and Aragon of Spain. Because of his close relationship with the Dukedom of Burgundy, Charles laid claim to the erstwhile United Seventeen Provinces.

Philip II, son of Charles V, succeeded his father in 1556 as Lord of the Seventeen Provinces and because of his cruel attitude towards the Protestants, became the hated ruler of the Lower Countries, especially when he sent the Duke of Alva to Holland to suppress those rebellious Dutch, thereby starting the 80-year war on the 23rd of May 1568 with the battle near Heiligerlee.

There 3900 infantry and 200 cavalry mercenaries under command of Count Lodewijk van Nassau and his brother Adolf van Nassau won the day.

Let us say the early beginnings started in 1713 on the 11th of April with the 'Vrede van Utrecht'. Emperor Jozeph I, Holy Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, King of Hungary and King of the Romans had died in on the 17th of April in the year 1711 and was succeeded by his brother Charles VI. But to prevent that he would simultaneously become King of Spain and thereby creating a powerful empire in Europe, which was not acceptable to the other nations, English diplomats got into high gear and arranged the so-called 'Peace of Utrecht' with a group of interested nations. They agreed: - King Philip V of Anjou would become King of Spain. Charles VI of Austria did not get Spain, but was compensated with the Catholic Southern Netherlands, Milaan, Naples and Sardinia. (It should be noted that Italy at the time was not one nation). Spain ceded Gibraltar to England, which thereby controlled her entry into the Mediterranean and during the many following negotiations captured most of the colonial and

commercial spoils. As a result England gradually became the leader in world trade, taking over from Holland. The losers were the Provinces, but as compensation they were allotted 'security' military garrisons in eight so-called 'barrier cities' in the southern Netherlands being Veurne, Ieper, Menen, Doornik (Tournay), Bergen (Mons), Charleroi, Namen (Namur) and Gent.

But as we know by experience, nothing is certain in the world we live in and this system of defences was not very effective against the French Forces, who in 1745 invaded the southern Netherlands by laying siege to the city of Doornik on the west bank of the river Schelde.

The English, out of self interest, sent over an expeditionary force, known as 'The Pragmatic Army' to relieve the embattled Dutch garrison in Doornik. After many skirmishes and battles, where both sides lost heavily, the English withdrew and shipped their forces back home in order to suppress an uprising of the Jacobites in

Scotland. This engagement is known as the battle of Fontenoy, a village south-east of Doornik.

Through the Peace of Utrecht it became

clear that the power of the once mighty Republic had been greatly reduced over the years, mainly due to a lack of forward-thinking strong leaders. Gradually a strong and aggressive leadership had been replaced by 'Regenten' who in turn appointed family members and friends to leading and lucrative positions, with most of them looking more after their own interests than to the benefit of the State.

For instance the profitable postal services created rich rewards, which mostly finished up in the pockets of those in charge. Rotterdam was an exception, there the postal returns finished up in the City's Treasury. It was so bad that even the interest on the State-debt could not be paid for lack of funds. Of course this could not go on. And so in 1716, the Province of Overijssel proposed that an extraordinary meeting should be arranged between all Provinces to find a solution to the current malaise. And so in November of that year the 'Staten Generaal' came together holding a host of meetings, lasting till September 1717. It was decided to reduce the army (paid mercenaries) considerably, reasoning that the barrier cities would give sufficient protection against attack from France. Nothing more was agreed on as the different Provinces just could not agree or compromise on anything further.

Heavily laden merchant vessels were often plundered by the Moroco's and Algeria's pirates for lack of protection by the navy. Instead protection money was offered. This of course would not have happened in those years with admirals in charge like Michiel de Ruyter, Maarten Tromp and Jan de Witt.



From Republic to a Kingdom

To illustrate the general decline, records did show that in 1715 our shipping in the Baltic was protected by 12 battle ships while in 1716 only 6 armed vessels were sent and none in 1717. It must be said however that there was still enormous wealth in the Provinces, but concentrated amongst a relative small group of families. While Amsterdam was the most important city in the middle of the 17th century, it was now London taking this position. With all this going on, it is easy to understand that trade with the 'Indies' also declined due to the lack of risk taking by the once enterprising merchant families. However not all are records of woes as in the far East, in the West Indies for example, the V.O.C. under leadership of many energetic and enterprising Governor Generals, expanded their sphere of influence over the archipelago gradually by absorbing the power of the local kings and sultans by treaty or by straight conquest. They went further and also took control of Ceylon (Sri-Lanka) and Formosa (Taiwan).

Already the then commander of Formosa, Frederik Coyet (1615-1687) had warned the VOC Governor General Maetsuycker that a great influx of Chinese might result in them taking control of the island. Nothing much was done to reinforce Coyet's position until in 1661. Commander van der Laan arrived with a fleet of warships, but when he saw no evidence of any danger, sailed away again. Shortly after Coyet was under attack. He was a Swedish nobleman and the last of 12 Governors of the Dutch colony of Formosa from 1656 – 1662. On the 10th of February 1662 he was forced to surrender Fort Zeelandia after a nine month siege by a Chinese force of 25000 men and 1000 ships. He managed to escape to Batavia but was imprisoned there after being tried for treason by losing Formosa together with a host of valuable assets. Three years afterwards he was pardoned with the help of Stadtholder Willem III and settled in Amsterdam, completely rehabilitated.

In the meantime in the Republic, the son of Johan Willem Friso had become of age in 1729 and became the Stadtholder of Friesland, Groningen and Gelderland, but Holland refused to accept him because of his possessions in Zeeland, like the cities Vlissingen and Veere. He was offered the sum of 250.000 gulden for both cities in order to get rid of him, but he refused. A very able and honest 'Raadspensionaris' Simon van Slingelandt (1726-1736) tried very hard to change the Republic's fortunes for the better, but in the end was defeated by the strong blood-relationships of the 'Regenten' who in effect wielded effective power in the Republic. The situation was such, that when England declared war on Spain, because Spanish pirates were freely robbing the English as well as the Dutch merchant vessels returning from the far-East, the Republic did not or could not even dispatch one navy vessel to support the English to punish those Spanish pirates. The year 1740 was especially noted in the records left at that time for the extremely severe winter, when the Zuiderzee was frozen under and even

parts of the Noordzee were covered under ice. In October of that eventful year something took place that had great implications for the Republic in future years.

The 'Staten van Holland' on the 4th of May 1747, declared that the position of Stadtholder was hereditary in the male as well as the female line and by June the following year, all other provinces had followed suit and this included the supreme command of the army and



navy as well as the Supreme commander of the VOC and the WIC (West Indiesche Compagnie). Stadtholder Willem IV was the first of the 'Oranie' family appointed to such a powerful position, similar to that of a King. Even many local 'Regenten' offered their support and The Hague being the first offered him the Postal revenue,

quickly followed by many other cities in Holland. The Prince decided then that all these revenues should be deposited in the various treasuries of the Provincial States. This all shows that it would be essential to have a proper formulated constitution for the Republic to be able to function efficiently. However Prince Willem IV happened to be a very well meaning person and blessed with great intelligence, but lacking the courage, to enforce the necessary decisions for the welfare of the Republic.

The Peace conference of Aken concluded on the 30th April of 1748 made an end to the war with France, who had invaded the southern Provinces in 1745, starting with the siege of Doornik. The 'Barrier Cities', lost to France were returned to the Republic but now without their fortifications, which the French had destroyed. A lot of discontent was spreading throughout the Provinces and the memories of determined actions of Stadtholder Willem III were spread around, that he had never surrendered an inch of Dutch territory under even worse conditions than occurred under Willem IV right now. Also it became a matter of urgency, to stop the system of farming out the collection of taxes and tolls. Those who offered most, would get the contract to collect the State's revenue and often, about three quarters of that revenue so collected disappeared in the pockets of those who were awarded these contracts. It was in the Province of Friesland that the first rebellion broke out against this system, quickly spreading to the other Provinces. In Amsterdam and Haarlem, the homes of these contractors were plundered. While this was going on, the Prince, who was of poor health, lay sick on his bed, but found the energy to petition the 'Staten Generaal' to do away with this system of auctioning the various taxes.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle. All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number! The codes for only 2 letters are revealed. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

The last Codebreaker once again was not easy, but once you found the word "Unusual" it all fell in place. Following is the full solution:

A=3; B=23; C=9; D=1; E=14; F=19; G=16; H=15; I=26; J=17; K=24; L=4; M=12; N=13; O=21; P=26; Q=18; R=11; S=5; T=20; U=10; V=22; W=8; X=2; Y=7; Z=6.

~~A~~ B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	B											
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				M								

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

8	5			3	4	7	6	
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		7					3	
		2				8	7	6
	8	9				3	4	
5	3	6				2		
	1					6		
2					8		5	
	7	8	3	5			2	9



Sudoku - Moderate

				2		5	7	
	9		7					1
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		4	2				9	3
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4					2		6	
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